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## PREFACE

ALL progressive educators will admit that the work of the primary grades is very important. Here it is that the foundation of the child's educational career is laid; here it is that the first tiny seeds of knowledge are planted in his youthful mind; and here it is that his love for further education is awakened and fostered.

During the years of primary training, everything in the work of the school should tend to develop gradually and naturally the mind of the child. Nothing too difficult, abstruse, or uninteresting, should be placed before him. On the contrary, each step in his mental training should be so arranged as to appeal most strongly to his youthful nature; for, when the interest of the child is once aroused by a pretty picture or a well-told story, the development of his intellectual faculties will progress naturally and rapidly.

It is evident, then, that the transition from the primer to the first reader should be easy and gradual. If the first reader is too difficult, as many first readers undoubtedly are, or if too many obstacles are placed in the way of the child's progress, he is apt to lose interest in his school work, and, as a consequence, he becomes discouraged. But, if the first reader is so arranged as to lead naturally from the primer, the work of the child becomes a pleasant task; and, as a result, he makes excellent progress in the difficult work of reading.



In *The Ideal Catholic First Reader* will be found a carefully arranged series of interesting little lessons eminently suited to develop the mind and the heart of the child. An average of less than three new words is introduced on each page; and occasional exercises in Word Building and in Phonic Drills are given.

The suggestive illustrations, which appear on almost every page, will help the children to interpret and understand the reading lesson which follows. They can be further utilized as excellent subject-matter for language work which is so admirably suited for drawing out the thoughts of the child, and for giving him a facility in expressing himself.

Though every illustration and reading lesson in *The Ideal Catholic First Reader* is not always on some distinctively religious topic, they all tend to give the child a knowledge of his Creator and the wonderful works of His hand.

If this reader becomes a help and an aid to the self-sacrificing and zealous corps of religious teachers who are doing such excellent work in training the mind and the heart of many of the future men and women of our beloved country; if it draws but one youthful soul nearer to the Sacred Heart of our Blessed Lord, the author will feel that she is well repaid.

S. S. J.

FOR THE GREATER  
HONOR AND GLORY  
OF GOD



MADONNA AND CHILD

*Sichel*



best all

I love mamma.

Mamma loves me.

I love papa.

He is a good papa.

I love God best of all.

Why do you love God best of all?

God made me and loves me.

That is why I love Him best of all.



kitty

shoe

I see kitty.

Kitty is in a shoe.

The shoe is kitty's bed.

Do you like your bed, kitty?

Kitty does not say.

I think she likes her bed.

Do you think so, Frank?

Oh, yes; I think so.



every

day

there

Oh, there is little Mary!

Mary is a good girl.

She loves her mamma.

She loves her papa, too.

She prays for him every day.

He takes her to school.

Mary is the best girl in school.

Every one likes Mary.



YOUNG KITTENS

*Knaus*

barn      came      kitties

Oh, see Agnes and the kitties!

They are in the barn.

The kitties live in the barn.

Agnes takes them in her arms.

She came to take them home.

Agnes thinks they are pretty kitties.

#### PHONIC DRILL

cap	get	dip	fun
lap	let	hip	gun
map	wet	lip	nun
nap	yet	rip	pun
rap	fret	clip	run
tap		drip	sun
chap	dim	grip	shun
clap	him	ship	spun
slap	Jim	skip	stun
snap	Tim	slip	
strap	slim	strip	ox
trap	swim	trip	box
wrap	trim	whip	fox





be

I love little Jesus.

Do you love Him, Dan?

Oh, yes; I love Him best of all.

Little Jesus loves us.

He wants us to be good.

I pray to Jesus every day.

I pray for papa and mamma.



two

milk

drink

Helen has two dogs.  
She likes the little dog.  
She plays with him.  
She gives him milk to drink.  
The little dog likes the milk.  
He likes to play with Helen.  
The big dog is good to him.



Faed

HAPPY AS THE DAY IS LONG

other sleep black making  
Oh, see Grace and her dear mamma!  
Grace has two pretty kitties.  
The kitties are her pets.  
She has one kitty in her lap.  
The other kitty is drinking milk.  
Kitty, you know, likes milk.  
Mamma gave the milk to her.  
Mamma is now making a dress.  
The dress is for Grace.  
I think it is a black dress.  
Baby is sleeping.  
Baby likes to sleep.  
Mamma, you see, is very happy.  
Grace is very happy.  
The little kitties, too, are happy.



was       game       o'clock       about

One day Mary came to see Dan.

Dan was not at home.

He was at the ball game.

He came home about two o'clock.

Then he went to see his hens.

Mary went with him.

Dan fed the hens.

Mary does not like hens.

She likes little kitties.

She has two black kitties at home.



Nell would

Here are Baby Bess and little Nell.

What is little Nell doing?

She is taking baby's milk.

But baby does not want to give her  
the milk.

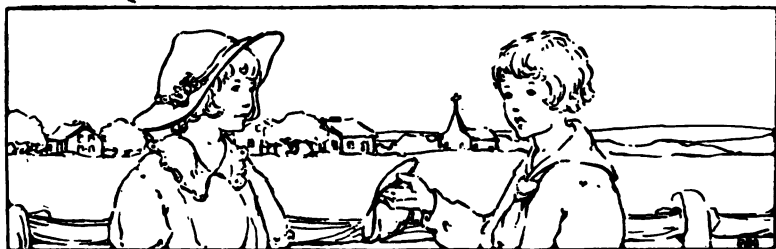
Kitty, too, would like some milk.

Baby says she cannot have it.

I think little Nell is not kind.

Mamma thinks so, too.

What do you think, papa?



thank      saw      class      when

How do you do, Ben ?

I am well, thank you.

How are you, Alice ?

I am well, thank you.

Is your mamma well ?

Oh, yes ; she is well.

Do you know Frank ?

When did you see Frank ?

I saw Frank Friday.

Where did you see him ?

I saw him in school.

In what class is he?

He is in my class.

Is Frank a good boy?

Oh, yes; he is very good.

Does he like to go to school?

Yes; he likes it very much.

I think there will be no school to-day.

#### PHONIC DRILL

bank	dog	bell	Bess
drank	frog	fell	bless
Frank		Nell	dress
thank	top	sell	
	shop	tell	ill
catch	stop	well	kill
latch			pill
	gift	end	till
since.	lift	mend	will
Prince	swift	send	skill





name

park

away

were

Mary is now a big girl.

She has a pretty dog.

His name is Ted.

One day she said: "Come, Ted.

We will go to the park, Ted."

Away they ran to the park.

They were very happy.



wait      call      shall

Can you play ball, Frank ?

Yes; I can play ball, John.

Do you want to have a game ?

Oh, yes; I like to play ball.

I will go for the bat and the ball.

You can wait here, John.

I shall call the other boys.

They, too, will want to play.

We shall have a good game of ball.



CHRIST BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN

*Hofmann*

near      talk      children      head

Jesus loves little children.

He likes to have them near Him.

He likes to talk to them.

How happy the children are!

They want to be near Jesus.

See the little boy in His lap!

Jesus has His hand on the girl's head.

#### PHONIC DRILL

best	bad	milk	king
nest	had	silk	ring
rest	sad		sing
	glad	pink	bring
Dick		think	spring
pick	back	drink	string
sick	hack		swing
tick	Jack	fish	thing
brick	black	wish	
quick			could
stick	cost	then	should
trick	lost	when	would



seem

feeds

Tom

bread

Little Tom likes the birds.  
The little birds come to him.  
They seem to know him.  
Tom feeds them every day.  
Do you like birds, Bess?  
Do you feed the birds?  
I give them bread every day.



field      grass      Jane      after

This is Tim's cow.

Her name is Jane.

Tim takes her to the field.

Jane likes to go to the field.

She gets grass there.

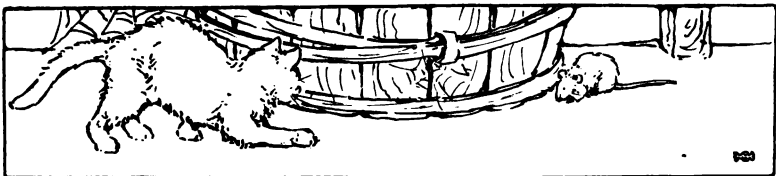
Jane likes the grass in that field.

After school, Tim brings her home.

Then mamma milks the cow.

We get the milk to drink.

Let us be kind to the cow.



fear      claws      by

“Who is there?” said the cat.

“It is I,” said the rat.

“Come in,” said the cat.

“No, no,” said the rat.

“Why not?” said the cat.

“I fear,” said the rat.

“Fear what?” said the cat.

“Your claws,” said the rat.

“Don’t fear,” said the cat.

“Good by,” said the rat.



hear

prayer

whom

Samuel

Do you know that little boy, Ben ?

I do not know him, Tom.

Who is that little boy ?

That is little Samuel.

He is praying.

For whom is he praying ?

He is praying for his mamma.

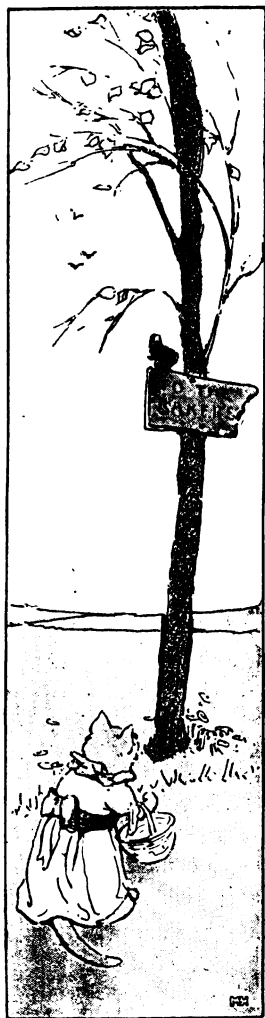


praying for his papa, too.  
God hear his prayer?  
God hears his prayer.  
God see us, Tom?  
God; God sees us.  
God know what we do?  
God knows all that we do, and  
we say.

#### PHONIC DRILL

long	jump	face
song	pump	lace
strong		race
wrong	just	Grace
	must	
much	trust	change
such		strange
	made	
crumb	grade	age
thumb	shade	cage

store dressed put baker instead  
cake



I had a little cat,  
And her name was  
Bess.

I put on her back  
A pretty silk dress.

She went to the store  
To get some milk;  
The man did not know her  
Dressed up in silk.

She went to the baker  
To get some bread;  
But the baker gave her  
Some cake instead.



told      born      stable      Christmas  
adoring      St. Joseph      angels      heaven

Oh, mamma! Who is that little Baby?

He is the little Baby Jesus.

Where was He born, mamma?

He was born in a stable.

On what day was He born, mamma?

He was born on Christmas Day.

Who are with Him, mamma?

His Mother, St. Joseph, and the angels are with Him.

What are the angels doing there?

They are adoring the little Jesus.

They came from heaven.

They live in heaven with God.

How did they know that the Baby Jesus was born, mamma?

God told them.

I love the little Baby Jesus.

I wish I could tell Him so.

“But you can tell Him,” said mamma.

How can I tell him?

You can tell Him when you pray.

I want to do so now, mamma.

Then Fred said to the little Jesus:

“I want to tell You, Baby Jesus,  
that I love You very much.

I will pray to You, every day.

I know that You love me, Baby  
Jesus.”

#### WORD BUILDING

pray	prayed	kind	kinder
talk	talked	big	bigger
call	called	near	nearer
play	played	fat	fatter
fear	feared	hot	hotter
ask	asked	fond	fonder
seem	seemed	long	longer
love	loved	strong	stronger
like	liked	strange	stranger
work	worked	quick	quicker
want	wanted	cross	crosser



water      listens

This is little Nell's pet dog.

His name is Jack.

Little Nell is talking to him.

She is telling Jack about her kitty.

Kitty fell into the water.

See how Jack listens to her!

He hears what she says to him.

But he cannot talk to her.

## REVIEW

How do you do, Ben ?

Are all at home well ?

They are all well, thank you.

Do you go to school ?

Yes; I go to school.

I like school very much.

I can see the school from here.

It is made of brick.

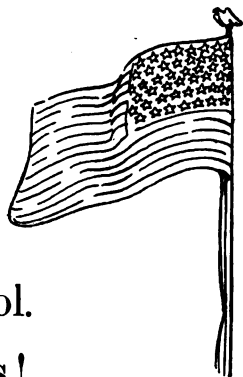
The school has a flag  
on it.

The boys and the girls  
gave the flag to the school.

What a pretty flag it is !

Our flag is red, white, and blue.

I love the flag.



always    old    young    beast    ever

Oh, dear Jesus, hear my  
prayer!

Take me to your loving  
care ;

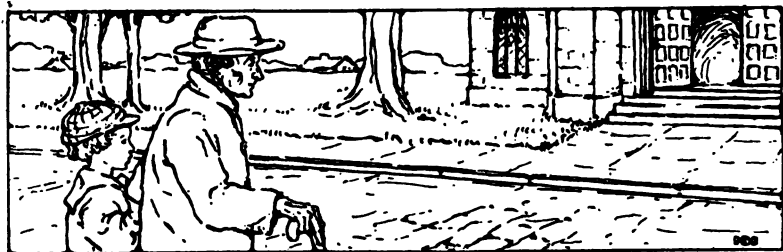
For I always want to be  
Good and kind to all  
I see.



Be he bird, or beast, or man ;  
Be he Dick, or Jack, or Dan ;  
I want to be kind to him  
Just as mother is to Tim.

Be always kind to young and old,  
And ever do what you are told.





small      done      took      helped  
proud                      walk

Do you know little Frank who lives near me ?

I think he is a very kind boy.

The other day a very old man was coming to church.

He could not walk very well.

Frank took his arm and helped him.

The old man said to Frank :—

“God bless you, my boy.”

This made Frank very happy.

He told his mother what he had done.

I am proud of you, my child.

Papa will be proud of you.

God will bless you.

Always be kind to the old.

#### PHONIC DRILL

bake	gave	nail	day
cake	save	pail	gay
make	wave	sail	lay
take	brave		May
wake		paint	say
	ate	saint	play
came	Kate		pray
game	skate	bait	stray
name		wait	
	rain		each
cape	chain	weak	beach
grape	train	speak	teach



THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS

*Bouguereau*

shepherds    Bethlehem    knees    first

The first to come to see Jesus at Bethlehem were the shepherds.

Angels told them to go to Bethlehem.

They would see the little Jesus in a stable there.

Then the shepherds went to Bethlehem.

They saw the little Jesus in the stable.

They went on their knees and prayed.

How glad they were to see Jesus!

They told Him that they loved Him.

They were very, very happy.

## QUESTIONS

When was Jesus born ?

Where was He born ?

Who were the first to come to see Him ?

Who told the shepherds that Jesus was born in a stable ?

What did they do when they came to the stable at Bethlehem ?

Was the Baby Jesus glad to see them ?

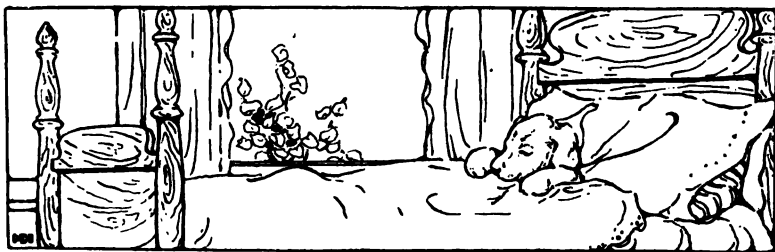
Did He talk to them ?

Did the little Jesus have a bed ?

Where did He sleep ?

Who were with Him ?

Who took care of Him ?



asleep      snore      door      next

I had a little dog,  
And his name was Ted.  
I put him to rest  
In a good, warm bed.

He soon fell asleep,  
And began to snore,  
And woke the little dog  
That lived next door.



THE WOUNDED LAMB

*Bremen*

last summer

One day last summer, Mary went into the field to pick some flowers.

She saw a little lamb on the grass.

The little lamb could not walk.

She took the lamb in her arms, and ran home with it.

“What have you there, Mary?” said the children.

“I have a little lamb that cannot walk.”

Papa came home soon after.

Mary took him to see the lamb.

Papa said that the lamb would soon get well.

The children were very glad.



fleece      sure

Mary had a little lamb;

Its fleece was white as snow;

And everywhere that Mary went

The lamb was sure to go.

NURSERY RHYMES

PHONIC DRILL

bean	free	seen	mice
mean	knee	green	nice
clean	three	deep	ride
ear	tree	sheep	side
dear	feed	sleep	guide
fear	need	feet	die
hear	seed	meet	pie
near	week	street	fight
year	cheek	sweet	light
eat	feel	bind	night
heat	heel	find	right
neat	kneel	mind	sight
seat	wheel	wind	bright
treat			

farmer      morning      early      these

What are you going to be, Jim,  
when you are big?

I am going to be a farmer.

Are you going to be a farmer, Jim?

Why not, John?

Farmers have to get up early in the  
morning.

But I will have cows, horses, lambs,  
sheep, hens, and ducks.

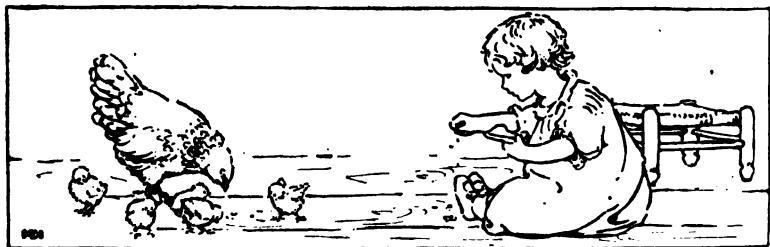
What good are these?

The cows will give me milk.

The horses will give me a ride.

The hens and the ducks will lay  
eggs.

I did not think of that, Jim.



room      Clare

“Oh, mamma, see the pretty little chickens!” said Clare.

Some of them are black.

Some of them are white.

They came into this room, mamma.

I gave them some crumbs of bread.

Is the big hen their mother?

Yes, my child; and she takes care of them, as I take care of you.

Does she love them, mamma?

knew      thought      brought  
brink              sink

I knew a little boy,  
And his name was Jim.  
He fell into the water,  
And he could not swim.

When he thought he was lost,  
And was going to sink,  
He saw his friend, Fido,  
Standing on the brink.

Then brave Fido jumped in,  
And went right to him;  
And brought back to his home  
The little boy, Jim.



sunshade      country      new

Of what is little Grace thinking?

For whom is she waiting?

Why has she a sunshade?

She fears it is going to rain.

She does not wish to get her new  
dress wet.

She is going to see her grandma  
who lives in the country.

Fido is going with her.

## DEAR LITTLE ONE

Dear little One! How sweet Thou art,  
Thine eyes how bright they shine.  
So bright they almost seem to speak  
When Mary's look meets Thine!

When Mary bids Thee sleep, Thou sleep'st;  
Thou wakest when she calls;  
Thou art content upon her lap,  
Or in the rugged stalls.

When Joseph takes Thee in his arms,  
And smooths Thy little cheek,  
Thou lookest up into his face  
So helpless and so meek.

Yes! Thou art what Thou seem'st to be,  
A thing of smiles and tears;  
Yet Thou art God, and heaven and earth  
Adore Thee with their fears.

REV. F. W. FABER.



THE WISE MEN GUIDED BY THE STAR

wise      star      East

Three Wise Men from the East  
came to see the little Jesus.

The Wise Men were kings.

How did they know where to go ?

They saw a strange star in  
the sky.



This star led them to the stable  
where Jesus was born.

They saw the little Jesus.

They went on their knees and prayed.

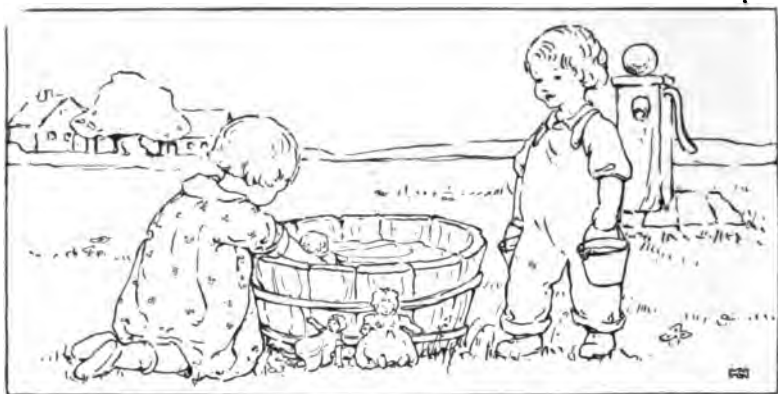
They gave Him some pretty gifts.

Where did the Wise Men go then ?

They went back to their homes.

They told their friends that the little  
Jesus loved all men.





bath      tub      pour      time

I must now give my dolls a bath.

Will you please help me, Dan?

What do you want me to do?

I want you to get a pail of water.

When I put the doll into the tub,  
you pour the water on her head.

Very well, Nell, I will do so.

Dan then went for the water.

When Dan came back, Nell put the big doll into the tub.

After the bath, Nell put the big doll to bed.

Then she gave the little dolls a bath.

Nell told all the dolls to have a good rest.

They were going to the country in the morning.

Dan told them he was going, too.

He did not care for dolls.

He would take his bat and his ball.

He would go into the fields and play.

They went in the train next morning.

You may be sure that they all had a very good time.

## REVIEW

Did you give the dolls a bath, Nell?

Yes, Mary; I gave them a good bath.

Where are the dolls now?

They are sleeping in their little beds.

The big doll is taking care of them.

She will tell them when to get up.

The little dolls have pretty dresses.

Does the big doll make their dresses?

Oh, no; I make their dresses.

Some of the dresses are red, some are white, and some are blue.

Do the dolls like to get a ride?

Oh, yes; I take them out every day.

The dolls like to sit in the shade.

They do not like the sun.



young  
picture  
Sister  
faith  
off  
up

“Now what boy or girl can tell me about this pretty picture?”

“I can, Sister,” said little Grace.

“Please tell me, Grace.”

“I know that this is the picture of St. Agnes.

I have one like it in my room.

Mamma said that it is a picture of St. Agnes."

"You are right, Grace.

"Now who was St. Agnes?"

"She was a very brave young girl.

Bad men wanted her to give up her faith.

But she would not do it for them.

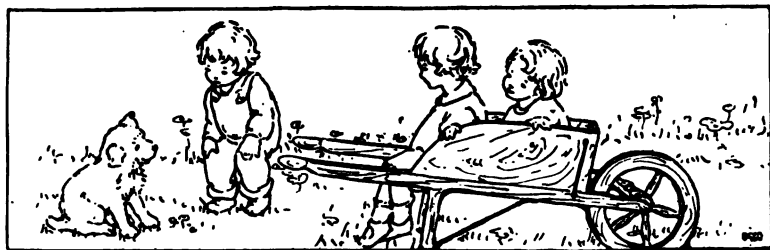
Then they told her that they would cut off her head."

"‘I do not fear that,’ she said.

"‘I will bear it for Jesus Who died for me on the Cross.’

"They then cut off her head."

"I think that St. Agnes was a very brave girl," said John.



## Spot wheelbarrow

These little children are in the country.

They are with their grandma and their grandpa for the summer.

See what a good time they are having!

See the two little girls in the wheelbarrow!

They are Fred's sisters.

Fred has his pet dog, Spot.

They are very happy.

They are going down to the pond  
to see the ducks.

Fred and Spot will give the girls a  
ride.

On their way back, the children will  
pick some flowers for grandma.

Should you like to live in the  
country?

#### PHONIC DRILL

pile	pipe	by	old
smile	ripe	my	cold
while		cry	gold
	bite	fly	hold
rime	quite	sky	sold
time	write	spy	told
		thy	row
fine	five	try	grow
mine	drive	why	know
nine			
wine	bye	woke	snow
shine	eye	broke	throw

tall city planting earth begins

Fred was in the country last spring.

He saw his grandpa planting seed.

“What are you doing that for, grandpa?” he asked.

I am planting beans, my boy.



Why do you plant beans?

To have new beans to eat.

Will the new beans come from the seeds you are planting?

Yes, Fred; the beans will grow out of them.

How do they grow, grandpa?

Some days after I put the seed into the ground, it begins to grow.



Who makes it grow?

God makes it grow.

He gives the little seed life.



Then, when it is put into the earth,  
it begins to grow.

God sends the sun and the rain to  
help it grow.

It grows to be a very tall plant.

After a while, the new beans begin  
to come.

When they are ripe, I pick them.

Do you eat them all?

I do not, Fred.

What do you do with them,  
grandpa?

I sell some of them.

heart      fast      soft      rich

"I am a seed as you can  
see.



Pray, do you know there's  
life in me?

"With all my heart I wish  
to go

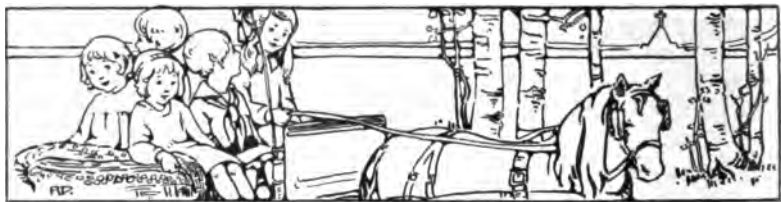
Into the earth that I may  
grow."

"Come fast! Come fast!" the Earth  
then said,

"I'll put you in a soft rich bed."

#### WORD BUILDING

small	smallest	good	goodness
big	biggest	bad	badness
kind	kindest	near	nearness
high	highest	sweet	sweetness



pony      brothers      father

Oh, boys and girls, see the pretty  
pony !

His name is Prince.

Frank's father gave him the pony  
last year.

See Frank's sister driving him.

Her two sisters and her two  
brothers are with her.

They are looking at you, Nell.

Yes ; I know them.

They live near me.

All the children like Prince.

Frank feeds him and takes very good care of him.

When Frank goes to school, Prince is put in the field.

There he can get grass to eat.

After school, Frank goes to the field for him.

He brings him back to the stable.

Then he feeds him.

He gives him water to drink.

I am going to ask my papa for a pony.

I think it is good to go for a long drive in the country.

Mamma thinks so, too.



wall      hangs      hour      twelve  
numbers      dinner      story

One day Sister Clare said to her children :—

“I want you to write a story about a clock.”

This is Jack White's story :—

In my house there is a big clock hanging on the wall.

It has a big white face and two black hands.

The hands go round all the time.

The big hand goes faster than the

little hand.

The clock strikes every hour.

There are twelve numbers on the clock.

These numbers tell the time.

The clock tells us when to get up in the morning.

It tells us when to go to school.

It tells papa when to go to work.

It tells mamma when to get the dinner.

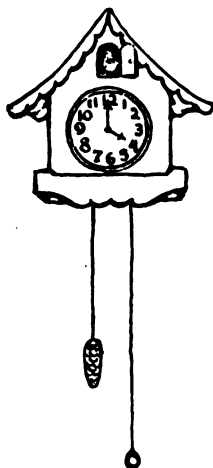
In the clock, there is a spring.

The spring keeps it going and makes it tick.

Papa winds the spring every week.

I should like to wind it.

plain      pale      prose



My hands are black,  
My face is pale,  
My head now hangs  
Upon a nail.

I am quite plain,  
As you can see;  
Yet every one  
Looks up to me.



I can not speak  
In prose or rime;  
Yet strange to say  
I can tell time.



carpenter

holy

use

work

When Jesus was a little Boy, He  
always liked to work.

He helped His Blessed Mother.

He helped St. Joseph, too.

St. Joseph was a very holy man.

He was a carpenter.

The Boy Jesus helped him in his



shop.

Little Fred then put up his hand.

“What is it, Fred?” said Sister Clare.

“I always help my papa and mamma.

I run to the store for mamma.

I help papa in his shop.”

“That is very good, Fred.

All boys and girls should help their father and their mother.”



Work while you work,

boys,

Play while you play;

That is the way, boys,

To be happy and gay.



building      built      climbed      if

Fred and Will were in the country last spring.

They saw a bird building her nest in an apple tree.

When the nest was built, they climbed up the apple tree to see it.

They told their grandpa what they had seen.

Grandpa told them that the nest was the bird's house.

He said that they should not go too near it.

What is the nest for, grandpa?

That is where  
the little birds  
are born.

Where do the  
little birds come  
from, grandpa?

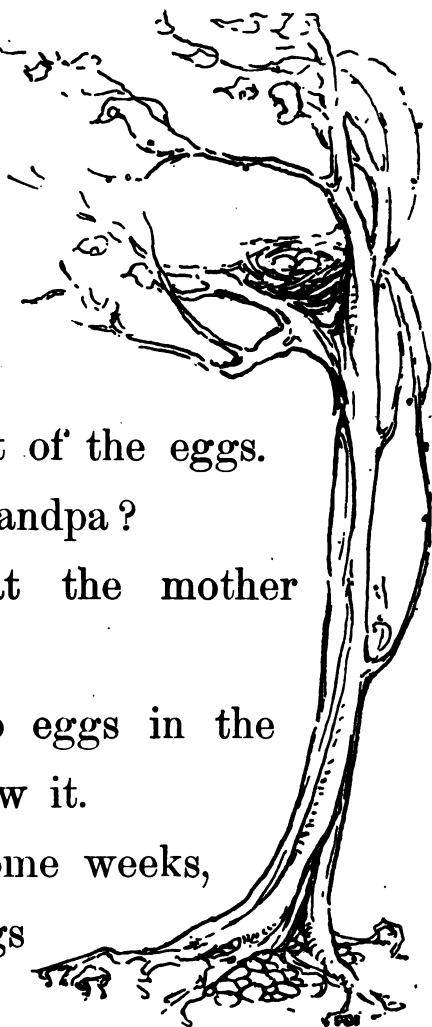
They come out of the eggs.

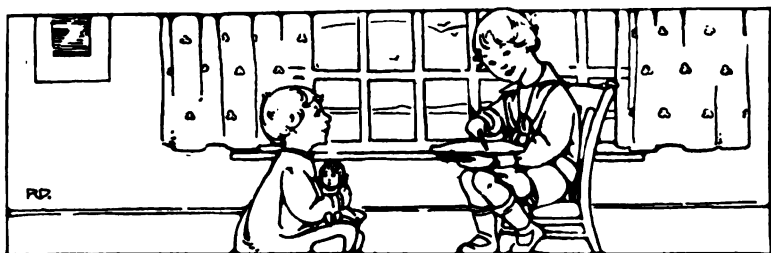
What eggs, grandpa?

The eggs that the mother  
bird lays.

There were no eggs in the  
nest when we saw it.

If you wait some weeks,  
there will be eggs  
in the nest.





## Henry

Oh, mother, dear!

Please tell me why

Our Henry is

So fond of pie.

There's just one thing

That takes his eye;

And that thing is

An apple pie.



yard            over            fence            caught

One day a boy climbed up on a tree to get some apples.

While on the tree, he saw a dog asleep in the next yard.

“Now I shall have some fun,” the bad boy said.

So he climbed over the fence, and hit the dog.

The dog jumped up and saw the bad boy.

He caught him just as he was getting over the fence.

A man, who was passing by, ran in and got the boy away from the dog.

Mass      Sunday      priest      receiving

Now, children, I want to tell you a story.

One Sunday morning, a little boy five years of age went to Mass.

Some of the boys who sat near him were talking at Mass.

When he went home he said to his mother:—

“Oh, mamma, there were some bad boys at Mass to-day.

They talked while some of the children were receiving Jesus.”

His mamma said to the little boy:—

“They were very bad boys to do such a thing.”



whose collar George

Whose dog is this?

This is George's dog, Fido.

He is very kind to children.

He likes to play with them.

Fido has a collar.

Whose name is on the collar?

Papa's name is on it.

Should you like to have Fido?



altar      hard      Savior      heard

Oh, mamma, do you know what Sister Agnes said to me to-day?

What did Sister say?

Sister Agnes said, mamma, that some day I may be a priest.



Should you like that, mamma?

To be sure I should, my child.

I should like it, too, mamma.

I will pray, then, that God may make you a priest.

I will try to be very good and work hard in school, mamma.

The next day, Will told Sister Agnes what his mother said.

Sister said to him : —

“I am very glad to hear it, Will.

I will pray for you.”

After this, Will built an altar in his room.

Every night and morning he said : —

“O, dear Jesus, give me the grace to become a priest.

If you do, I will thank you all the days of my life.”

The loving Savior heard Will's prayer.

He is now a very holy priest doing good work for God.

He is very fond of little children.

He likes to talk with them.

felt      doctor      cure      tiny      once

I had a little bird,  
And his name was Dick.  
He once got a cold,  
And was very, very sick.

Then I felt very bad,  
And began to fret,  
So I sent for the doctor  
To cure my little pet.

Said the good Doctor Green:  
"Is your little Dick ill?  
I think I will give him  
A tiny little pill."

didn't shovel

The other day mamma took us to the beach.

When we got off the train, we had to walk down to the beach.

But didn't we have fun!

The girls took off their shoes, and went into the water.

The boys had races and played ball on the beach.

Little Nell had a pail and a shovel.



#### WORD BUILDING

quick	quickly	bad	badly
sick	sickly	glad	gladly
dear	dearly	nice	nicely



## Sport

This is little Nell and her pet dog,  
Sport.

Nell and Sport are very good friends.

They play in the field every day.

Nell has a ball.

When she throws it, Sport runs after  
it, and brings it back to her.

Sport likes to play with that ball.



dollars                      buy

O Clare, papa has put up a new swing!

I am so glad, Alice.

Do you want to have a swing?

I should like it very much.

Then let us go to the swing.

Clare got into the swing.

Oh, how she liked it!

When Clare went home, she asked her papa to buy a swing for her.

"I have no money just now, Clare."

"I have five dollars in my bank, papa. I will give it to you."

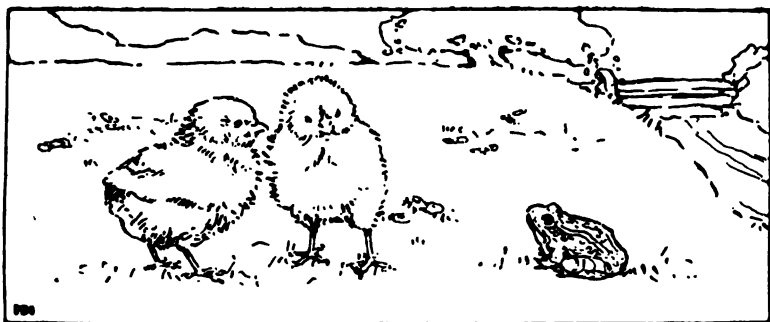
"Very well, then; I will buy a swing."

The next day her papa got the swing.

This made Clare and the other children very happy.

#### PHONIC DRILL

home	nose	oar	blue
Rome	rose	boar	glue
	prose	roar	
hope	those	soar	car
Pope			far
rope	boat	cure	star
	coat	pure	
more	goat		card
wore		few	hard
snore	door	new	lard
store	floor	knew	yard



Once upon a time, two little chickens met a big frog.

They said, "How do you do, Mr. Frog?"

"I am well, thank you; and how are you?" said the frog.

"We are well, thank you."

"Where are you going now?"

"We are going for a walk."

"May I go with you?"

"No; you are no chicken."



month      during

When little Kate came home from school, she ran to her mamma and said: —

“Sister told us that May is the month of our Blessed Mother.

She wants us to go to Mass every morning during May.

I told Sister that I should ask you if I may go.

Please may I go, mamma?”

All during the month of May, little Kate and her mamma went to Mass.

Every day they put flowers on the Blessed Mother's altar.



though      without      unkind      four  
                         never

Though I was born  
    Without a hand,  
I have four legs  
    On which to stand.

To young or old,  
    To strong or weak,  
An unkind word  
    I never speak.

I do not know  
    Why it should be  
That fat men like  
    To sit on me.



Beautiful Angel!  
My Guardian so mild,  
Tenderly guide me,  
For I am thy child.

guardian      watch      world

Do you know, Henry, that each one of us has a Guardian Angel?

It is so, because the priest told us last Sunday.

When were you talking to the priest?

I was not talking to the priest.

When was he talking to you?

At Mass, last Sunday.

Were you not there?

No, Tom; I was sick.

Then I will tell you what the priest said to us last Sunday.

He said that every one in the world has an angel taking care of him.

This angel is called our Guardian Angel.

When a child is about to do wrong, his Guardian Angel is at his side.

He tells him not to do it.

At night, when we sleep, the Guardian Angel does not sleep.

He stays near our bedside to watch over us.

Our Guardian Angel then is near us.

You see he is very kind and good to us.

We should thank him for all that he does for us.

We can do this by saying a little prayer to him night and morning.

## REVIEW

Papa, is a boy's best friend his mother?

Why do you ask that, Fred?

Because Sister St. Rose said so to-day.

What did Sister say?

She said that our good mother takes care of us when we are very small.

She takes us in her arms.

She rocks us to sleep.

When we are sick she stays with us night and day.

She sends for the doctor.

Our mother teaches us our prayers

and tells us about God.

She works for us from six in the morning till ten at night.

She gives us very good things to eat and to drink.

When we are out of her sight, she always thinks of us.

She prays for us.

Now, papa, do you think that a boy's best friend is his mother?

I think she is, Fred.

And so do I, papa.

But I love you, too.

You are so good and kind.

You work for us every day.

What should we do without you?



learned      sang      afraid

Last summer, Alice went to the beach to see grandma and grandpa.

One morning, grandpa went to catch some fish.

He took Alice with him.

Alice was not afraid.

She told her grandpa about the things she learned in school.



She sang a pretty song for him.

She took the oar and helped him to row the boat.

When grandpa got home he told grandma how Alice had helped him.

#### PHONIC DRILL

large	fast	all	found
charge	last	ball	sound
		call	ground
dark	bath	fall	
park	path	tall	house
		small	mouse
part	talk		
smart	walk	boy	cow
		toy	how
dance	caught		now
chance	taught	loud	
		proud	down
Mass	law		town
pass	saw	our	
class	claw	hour	care
grass	draw	sour	share

I'm chubby darling dimples  
teeth I've

I am mamma's baby,  
Don't you think I'm  
sweet

With my chubby little  
cheeks

And my tiny feet?

I am mamma's darling.

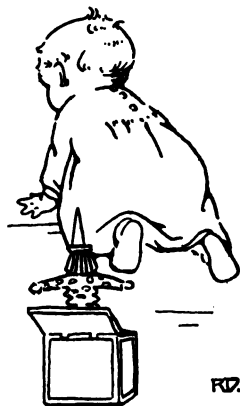
I am papa's pet.

I've a funny little nose,  
And no teeth as yet.

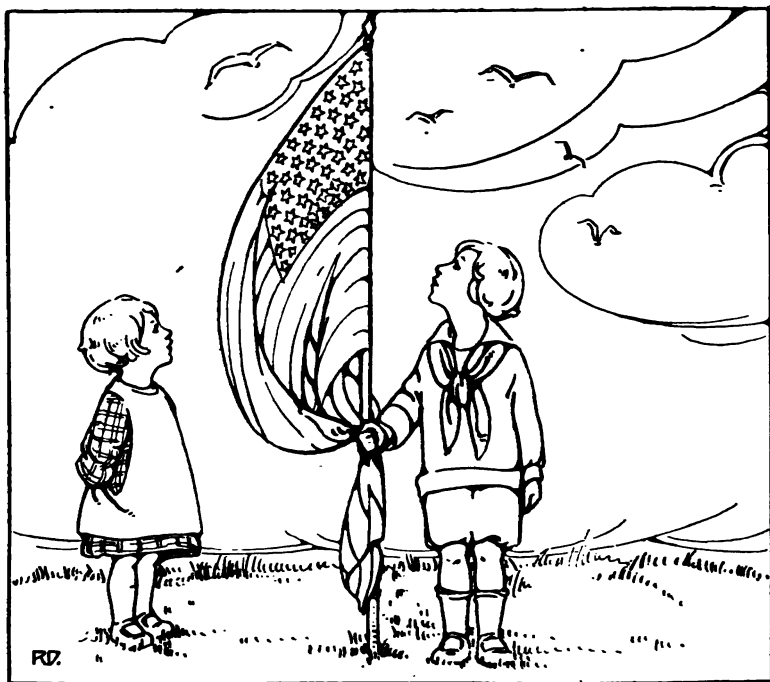
See my pretty dimples,  
And my dark blue eyes.

Do I love my mamma?

Oh, yes; I am wise.



R.D.



There are many flags in many lands,  
There are flags of every hue,  
But there is no flag in any land  
Like our own Red, White, and Blue.

MARY HOLLISTER

American          defend          true          I'll

"I love the American flag, and I'll always love it," said Jim.

"I'm very glad to hear you say that," said Sister St. Rose.

"We need good and true men to defend the flag."

Then all the children in the class said to Sister St. Rose:—

"We will defend the American flag when we are big.

We will die for the flag."

"I am so glad that I have such brave children in my room.

Our flag, children, is the best flag in the world."



**O Sacred Cross! O Holy Tree!**

On which my Blessed Savior died,  
Teach my poor heart the mystery  
Of my Redeemer crucified.

**Cross of my Savior! Sacred Sign!**

Lead me from sin to grace divine.

**WILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL**



Washington

president

February

birthday

This is a picture of George Washington, "the Father of his Country."

He was a great man, and the first president of our country.

His birthday comes on February 22.

He was very fond of his mother.

six party pair

Last Friday, I was six years old.

I had a birthday party.

There were six boys and six girls  
at my house.

Oh! we had such a good time!

But the best of it all was, I got a  
great many birthday gifts.

Papa gave me a pair of skates.

Mamma gave me a big doll.

Grandpa sent me a sled.

Grandma made a pretty new dress  
for me.

Dick gave me six white roses.

I was very happy.

Papa and mamma were happy, too.



thirsty      cool      again

One day a fox was very thirsty.

When he came to a well, he looked down and saw the cool water.

“That is what I want,” he said.

“I will go down and get some.”

So he jumped into the deep well.

The water was very cold.



He tried to get out, but found he could not.

He tried, and tried, and tried again.

Very soon a thirsty goat came along.

He said: "Good morning, Mr. Fox. Is the water good?"

"Yes, Mr. Goat; it is very good.

Come down and have some."

The goat jumped into the well.

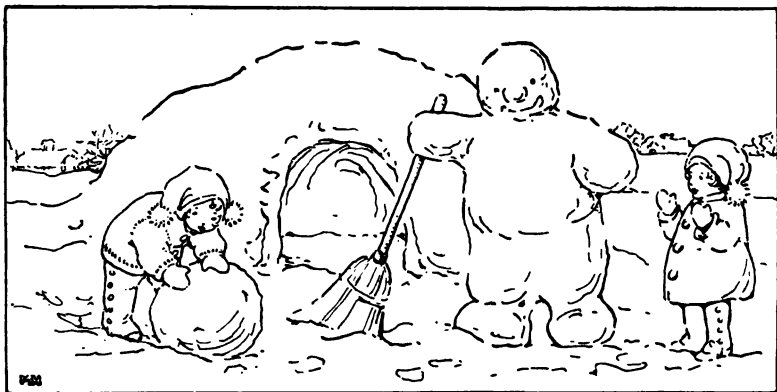
"Now is my chance," said the fox.

So he jumped on the goat's back, and got out of the well.

The poor goat could not get out.

"I think you are very mean, Mr. Fox, to play such a trick on me."

"Good-by," said the fox.



I am a man as you all know.  
I was not born. How did I grow?

I'm very fat; I am not bold;  
I never seem to catch a cold.

I'm never wrong. I'm always right;  
The boys all say I'm Mr. White.

When it is cold, I have my fun.  
I do not like the shining sun.

From what I've said, now do you know  
That I am made from piles of snow?

invited

shook

plan

Once upon a time, a number of little mice were going to have a party.

They invited the old mice.

One old mouse said:—

“There is a big cat in the next room.

She may come in and catch us.”

One wise little mouse said:—

“We will hang a bell on the cat’s neck.

Then we can hear her coming.”

“A wise plan!” said the little mice.

“How can you put the bell on the cat’s neck?”

"I can do it when the cat is asleep.

If she wakes up, I can run away."

"But the cat can run faster than you can," said the old mouse.

"I will now go into the next room to see if the cat is asleep."

The little mouse saw the cat resting near the door.

"Now is my chance," he said.

Just as he was tying the string, the bell rang and woke the cat.

The little mouse ran away as fast as he could.

But the big cat ran faster and caught the little mouse.



OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE BENEDICT XV

couldn't      earn      divine

When I am big, mamma, I want  
to go to see our Holy Father, the  
Pope.

You do not know where he lives.

Oh, yes, I do, mamma.

Sister Clare told us about him.

She said the Holy Father lives in  
Rome.

He is very fond of boys and girls.

He likes to talk with them.

But how could you get to Rome?

Couldn't I go in a big ship?

But where would you get the  
money?

I could earn it by working.

Now, why do you want to see the Holy Father?

I want to see the Pope because he is a great and holy man.

He is the Head of the Church.

Did Sister Clare tell you any more about the Pope?

Yes, mamma; she told us a great many other things.

She asked us to say a prayer night and morning for our Holy Father.

O Sacred Heart! O Love Divine!

Do keep us near to Thee;  
And make our love so like to Thine,  
That we may holy be.

## KEY TO THE SOUNDS

### VOWELS

ā as in āte, lāte.  
 ă as in ăt, băt.  
 â as in âir, bâre.  
 ä as in ärm, ärt.  
 á as in ásk, másk.  
 ą as in ął, ąw.  
 ē as in bē, hē.  
 ẽ as in bět, gět.  
 ĕ as in hěr, fěrn.  
 ^ as in whêre, thêre.  
 ī as in īce, tīme.  
 ı as in pın, pıt.  
 ĭ as in bĭrd, gĭrl.  
 ō as in ōld, nōte.  
 ǫ as in cǫt, dǫg.  
 ô as in fôr, lôrd.  
 ū as in tūne, mūte.  
 ů as in tŭb, bŭt.  
 û as in fûr, tûrf.  
 ȳ as in fȳod, cȳol.  
 ȳ as in gȳood, bȳook.  
 ou as in out, gout.  
 oi as in oil, boil.

### EQUIVALENT VOWEL SOUNDS

a = ɔ as in what, was.  
 e = ā as in eight, prey.  
 ê = â as in thêre, whêre.  
 ēe = ẽ as in ēel, fēet.  
 ew = ū as in dew, new.  
 ew = u as in brew, crew.  
 ī = ẽ as in pique, police.  
 ĭ = ẽ as in fir, bird.  
 ɔ = ȳ as in do, who.  
 ɔ = ȳ as in wolf, could.  
 ɔ = ů as in sŏn, tŏn.  
 ɔ = û as in wŏrd, wŏrk.  
 ou = ȳ as in soup, croup.  
 ow = ou as in owl, howl.  
 oy = oi as in boy, toy.  
 u = ȳ as in bull, push.  
 u = ȳ as in crude, true.  
 ȳ = ī as in fly, dry.  
 ȳ = ı as in pŷx, stŷx.  
 ȳ = ẽ as in mŷrrh, mŷrtle.



# CONSONANTS

**b** as in bat.  
**c** as in eat.  
**ç** as in çent.  
**d** as in dog.  
**f** as in fat.  
**g** as in goat.  
**g** as in gem.  
**h** as in hat.  
**j** as in Jim.  
**k** as in kill.  
**l** as in lot.  
**m** as in mat.  
**n** as in not.  
**p** as in pat.  
**q** as in quick.  
**r** as in rat.  
**s** as in sat.  
**ş** as in haş.

**t** as in tub.  
**v** as in vine.  
**w** as in wet.  
**x** as in six.  
**y** as in yet.  
**z** as in zinc.  
**ng** as in wing.  
**th** as in then.  
**th** as in thin.

**ch** = **k** as in Chris.  
**çh** = **sh** as in çhaise.  
**dğ** = **j** as in edge.  
**gh** = **f** as in cough.  
**ph** = **f** as in phone.  
**qu** = **kw** as in queen.  
**wh** = **hw** as in what.  
**ẖ** = **gz** as in eẋist.  
**x** = **ks** as in vex.

**nk** = **ngk** as in bank, pink.

# WORD LIST

7	15	20	25
best	other	name	field
all	sleep	park	grass
8	black	away	Jane
kitty	making	were	after
shoe			26
9	16	21	fear
every	was	wait	claws
day	game	call	by
there	o'clock	shall	27, 28
	about	23	prayer
11		near	whom
barn		talk	Samuel
came	17	children	hear
kitties	Nell	head	29
	would		store
12			dressed
be	18, 19	24	put
	thank	seem	baker
13	saw	Tom	instead
two	class	feeds	cake
milk	when	bread	
drink			

# WORD LIST

30-32	36, 37	44	51
told	small	fleece	wise
born	done	sure	star
stable	took		east
Christmas	helped	45	
adoring	proud	farmer	52, 53
St. Joseph	walk	morning	bath
angels		early	tub
heaven	39	these	pour
	shepherds		time
	Bethlehem	46	55, 56
	knees	room	picture
33	first	Clare	Sister
water			faith
listen	41	47	off
	asleep	knew	
	snore	thought	57, 58
35	door	brought	spot
always	next		wheel-
old		48	barrow
young	43	sunshade	
beast	last	country	59, 60
ever	summer	new	tall
			city

# WORD LIST

planting	66	fence	cure
earth	plain	caught	tiny
begins	pale		once
	prose	74	
61		Mass	79
heart	67, 68	Sunday	didn't
soft	carpenter	priest	shovel
rich	holy	receiving	80
fast	use		Sport
	work	75	
62, 63		whose	81, 82
pony	69, 70	collar	dollars
brothers	building	George	buy
father	built		
	if	76, 77	84
64, 65		altar	month
wall		hard	during
hangs	71	Savior	85
hour	Henry	heard	though
twelve	73		without
numbers	yard	78	unkind
dinner	over	felt	four
story	climbed	doctor	

# WORD LIST

87, 88	dimples	February	102, 103
guardian	teeth	birthday	invited
watch	I've		shook
		98	plan
91	95	six	
learned	American	party	105, 106
sang	defend	pair	couldn't
afraid	true		earn
	I'll	99, 100	divine
93		thirsty	
I'm	97	cool	
chubby	Washington	again	
darling	president		









